

BANISTER, Guy

SEPTEMBER - Cont.

Sunday	8	
Monday	9	At library
Tuesday	10	Filed unemployment claim.
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Tuesday	17	At Mexican Consulate; Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	18	
Thursday	19	At library
Friday	20	Ruth Paine arrived in N.O. (or on Sep. 21)
Saturday	21	Ruth Paine with Oswalds
Sunday	22	Ruth Paine with Oswalds
Monday	23	Ruth Paine left with Marina.
Tuesday	24	Filed unemployment claim; changed address at Post Office.
Wednesday	25	Cashed check. Left N.O. en route for Mexico.

RE: BANISTER

Statement and Interview with Mr. I. E. Nitschke in the office of Mr. Jim Garrison, District Attorney on Tuesday, January 17, 1967 at approximately 1:00 p.m.

My name is I. E. Nitschke. I live at 559 Focis in Metairie. My unlisted telephone number is 831-1648. My office phone at Michoud is 255-2711.

During the latter part of 1961 I was contacted by William Guy Bannister, then in the private investigative business in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana. At this time Bannister invited me to participate in a bid for the security contract at the forthcoming reactivation of the Michoud assembly facility in New Orleans, Louisiana. Bannister's interest was in submitting a bid for the security as a part of the Housekeeping Program at this facility.

I arrived in New Orleans about mid-November, 1961. Subsequently, Bannister and I submitted a bid through several prime contractors for the security contract at Michoud. In the interim, while we were awaiting the awarding of the Housekeeping or support services contract, I maintained a desk in Mr. Bannister's office, then situated at 531 Lafayette in New Orleans.

I recall on one occasion, possibly the early part of December, 1961, when I returned to Bannister's office there were several male persons then engaged in a conference with Bannister. Subsequently, I was invited into his office and was introduced to four or possibly five males, all of whom from appearance appeared to be of Latin extraction. I was later advised that these men were Cubans that had sought refuge in the United States. After I was introduced to these men it was explained to those present that I had been considered a firearms expert in my many years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; that I had an excellent understanding of nomenclature and the mechanics, etc. of various types of firearms. The conversation after the introduction developed quickly into the fact that the persons in Bannister's office were interested in obtaining firearms of many varieties, mainly shoulder weapons, machine guns or semi-automatic weapons. They were interested in suppliers of this type of weapon. I recall having stated that Klein's of Chicago, Illinois, a wholesale firearms house, would be one source; that a firm in Hollywood, California, the name of which I do not recall at the moment, were importers of many foreign types of weapons, primarily shoulder weapons and this might possibly be a source.

(The taller of the men that were in Bannister's office had a full head of black hair. He appeared to be between 6' and possibly 6'2" tall. His lips were full or thick. He appeared to be the leader in the conversation. There was a short, stocky man that

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I estimated to weigh from 210 to possibly 230 pounds with obviously large arms and neck. The others were lighter in complexion and all definitely appeared to be Latins.

I have been shown a photograph in which the subjects are numbered from 1 to 7 and bears Exhibit A, my name and the date 1/17/67. The subject identified with the numeral 3 appears extremely similar if not identical to the person I have referred to here as the shorter and heavier built of the Latins in Bannister's office. The photograph bearing Nitschke-C with the date 1/17/67 is a generally good likeness of one of the men in Bannister's office. I recall that he had a more or less hairline mustache, black hair and was perhaps as light or lighter in skin coloring than any of the others in the office. He did not appear to inject himself in the conversation but sparsely and that for the most part was in Spanish between himself and the others in Bannister's office. The conversation for the most part was directed to an individual hereinafter described as D-3 in photograph Nitschke-D dated 1/17/67. The man in photo Nitschke-D appears to have a very striking resemblance to the tall man that I have previously described.

Not too long after I had entered Bannister's office, the subject D-3 took a tablet on Bannister's desk and with a pen drew a rough sketch of a silencer adaptable to a rifle. At this point subject D-3 asked me specifically if I knew where silencers could be acquired that might be attached to rifles and/or machine guns. My reply to this query was in the negative. He then completed the sketch that he had started and asked if the writer had any knowledge of where silencers could be made. To this query I replied that they could perhaps be made by any welder or machinist that was capable of doing precision work; that I knew of no such person. The gist of the conversation in Bannister's office on this occasion was primarily concerned with the acquisition of, as I gathered, a reasonable quantity of weapons. The purpose for these weapons was not mentioned during my presence. Whether it was later discussed, I am not aware of.

After the departure of this group, which was late in the afternoon as I recall, I was told by Bannister that the subject D-3 was exceptionally adept in guerilla warfare and guerilla-type tactics.

NOTE: Here Mr. Garrison and Mr. Nitschke discussed the difference in appearance of subject D-3 from the rest of the group, remarking that it was rather unusual for a guerilla fighter to be so well dressed and well groomed.

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FERRIE*

I have been shown a photograph identified as Nitschke-B with the date 1/17/67 thereupon and this is a photograph bearing New Orleans Police Department #107062. This man I met on one occasion in Bannister's office. Again, this was very late in the afternoon. I would say approximately 5:00 p.m. I was attracted to the physical appearance of this man by what appeared to be false hair and/or false eyelashes and his face appeared as though he had some type of make-up thereupon. The coat that he is wearing in the photograph even appears similar to the one that he was wearing when I recall having met him. This man was accompanied by a smaller person in stature and apparently younger in years and the gist of his conversation with Bannister when I was introduced was to the effect that he had just returned from a trip to South America. I am not certain of the country that he had visited. The person with him at this time spoke one or two words of Spanish. The person identified in this photograph appeared to speak Spanish, in the words that he used, seemingly fluently. I do not know the purpose of the visit of this individual to Bannister's office but he did have some conversation with Bannister personally following my introduction to him. I suppose that he was possibly in the office at best about one-half hour. I have been advised that this man's name is David W. Ferrie.

GARRISON:

The man that you described as D-3 in Nitschke-D who is standing with the group with Lee Oswald -- is there anything else before we depart from the pictures that you can recall? He is extremely interesting from the conversation which you described and from Bannister's description of him. Did he wear, for example, jewelry of any sort?

NITSCHKE:

No, I don't even recall a ring. I will say this, he was neat and well-groomed in a dark suit and dark tie.

GARRISON:

Did he speak English?

NITSCHKE:

Yes. Reasonably well, too, by the way.

GARRISON:

Do you recall if he had a nickname?

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NITSCHKE:

No.

GARRISON:

Let me ask about the circumstances of the meeting with these men.
Was this in the inner office?

NITSCHKE:

It was in Bannister's own private office.

GARRISON:

Did he shut the door?

NITSCHKE:

Definitely. The door was definitely closed. There was only one
door and it was definitely closed.

GARRISON:

Are any of these names of Cuban individuals familiar?
Rogelio Cisceros Diaz? Also known as Eugenio.

NITSCHKE:

No.

GARRISON:

How about the nickname Toro?

NITSCHKE:

No.

GARRISON:

Manual Gonzalez?

NITSCHKE:

Gonzalez. Yes.

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GARRISON:

Does that name come back at all looking at Nitschke-A?

NITSCHKE:

Mr. Gonzalez could be possibly this "3" subject in Nitschke-A photograph here. I don't want to be positive.

GARRISON:

But that is your impression?

NITSCHKE:

Yes.

GARRISON:

How about the nickname Toro?

NITSCHKE:

No, I don't associate it. I don't know how many times Bannister had met these men previously but some of them had definitely met with him before that date.

GARRISON:

There was a relationship?

NITSCHKE:

Yes. He had met some, if not all of them previously.

GARRISON:

He knew them by name?

NITSCHKE:

Yes. He introduced me, but meeting them only one time the names did not register.

GARRISON:

How about the name Juan Johnny Martin?

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NITSCHKE:

No. The name Martin is rather common.

IVON:

How about Layton Martens? (showing photograph)

NITSCHKE:

This boy, I am wondering if he was with Ferrie that afternoon.

GARRISON:

He was about 17 years old at that time.

NITSCHKE:

(The boy with him wasn't too old. That looks like the boy with Ferrie. I gathered that the fellow with Ferrie had physically been with Ferrie from wherever he came from in South America. That young man looks like he could have been the man.)

GARRISON:

Is this boy generally about the age and type?

NITSCHKE:

His haircut was short but whether it was a butch cut or not I do not know. This might have been the boy that was with him but I don't want to say. Nitschke-E, New Orleans Police Department photograph #105377 might possibly have been the person accompanying Ferrie on the occasion when I was in Bannister's office.

IVON:

Emilio Santana? (showing photograph)

NITSCHKE:

No. He doesn't look familiar to me.

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IVON:

Melvin Seeling? (showing photograph)

NITSCHKE:

No. Not by name. He doesn't look at all familiar. No. The fellows that were in there, their hair was reasonably well-groomed. It wasn't shaggy.

IVON:

Miguel Torres? (showing photograph)

NITSCHKE:

He could have well been one of them. This fellow bears some physical resemblance to one of the men. I am thinking about his hair. None of them were too old. (Reference here made to photograph Nitschke-F.)

GARRISON:

Didn't it seem rather odd to you after having known Guy Bannister so long and considering his background that he would be surrounded by these particular Cubans that you have described?

NITSCHKE:

To be frank with you, it did. They certainly were the type of people that I would not care to be associated with.

GARRISON:

Of those individuals you described, was there one who seemed head of all the others, as their leader, in conversation?

NITSCHKE:

Very positively. The one that I have identified here as D-3. Very definitely the leader of the conversation. The polished looking fellow. When he spoke the others listened. When he had the floor, they didn't interrupt him.

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GARRISON:

Did Guy indicate in any way the Latin country with regard to D-3 and his guerilla tactics?

NITSCHKE:

He mentioned Cuba very definitely. In fact, Guy said, can you imagine meeting that fellow out in a dark alley somewhere. He was a wiry, dark fellow.

IVON:

Morris Brownlee?

NITSCHKE:

Not by name, no. Definitely not.

IVON:

(Showing picture) I do not have this man's name.

NITSCHKE:

No. I think there was only one or two that had a mustache and they were not this heavy. More like hairline.

IVON:

Miguel Mariana Cruz. (showing photograph)

NITSCHKE:

Association starts to bring back some reflection. There was one of these fellows as I recall that had some pimples on his face but I don't believe it was this young man here.

IVON:

Alvin Beaubouef. (no photograph)

NITSCHKE:

No. Name doesn't register.

The gist of the whole thing was the acquisition of weapons and silencers. While I was in their presence that was their sole reason for being there and what was ahead of it or behind it,

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(I don't know. Somewhere in that conversation, and this may not be a direct quote, money did not seem to be any object - for whatever that's worth.)

I might interject that after the incident I have described, Bannister advised me that it was his understanding that there would be training areas physically located in various sections of the United States and as I recall he principally mentioned the South, where exiles and people sympathetic to the Cuban program would be trained in guerilla warfare and guerilla tactics. He mentioned that the individual that I have tentatively identified in photograph Nitschke-D as D-3 was the person that would lead the training of these people.

ADDENDUM:

Since dictating the above I have been shown photograph Nitschke-G dated 1/17/67. This is a police photograph of Alvin R. Beaubouef. There is a very striking resemblance between this photograph and the man that I observed in Bannister's office with Ferrie, described in photograph Nitschke-B. I got the impression from the small amount of conversation that I overheard that both Ferrie and Beaubouef had within a matter of hours returned from some unknown country in South America. I am positive of the fact that they had been to some South American country, the name of which I am not positive.

I. E. Nitschke

Date _____

MEMORAN U M

Guy Bannister

Re: BANNISTER

June 1, 1967

TO: LOUIS IVON, Chief Investigator

FROM: CLIENCY NAVARRE & KENT SIMMS, Investigators

RE: Interview Mrs. Mary Helen Brengel
 Business - 929 Howard Avenue
 Third Floor
 Residence- 2622 Joseph Street

Officers C. Navarre and K. Simms went to 929 Howard Avenue, Mathes, Bergman, Favrot & Associates, on June 1, 1967, at 2:00 P.M., and interviewed MRS. MARY HELEN BRENGEL relative to information she may have pertaining to MR. GUY BANNISTER.

MRS. BRENGEL stated that she was employed by MR. GUY BANNISTER from October 15, 1963, until December 10, 1963. During this time MR. BANNISTER was using a vehicle which was the property of MRS. LANNE, the mother of JOHN LANNE. MRS. BRENGEL related that MR. LANNE would arrive at MR. BANNISTER'S office and tell MR. BANNISTER that the car needed gas or that it needed oil. And on one occasion that it needed air in the tires. MRS. BRENGEL related that it appeared this vehicle was being checked frequently because of an impending unannounced trip of some sort.

MRS. BRENGEL also related that since MR. BANNISTER was separated from his wife, he had a lot of personal things stored at the office and in particular was several rifles, three or four. Now and then a MR. GUYMAN would come into the office and talk to MR. BANNISTER about these rifles and they would hold them and examine them. DELPHINE ROBERTS, who was also employed in MR. BANNISTER'S office at this time, told MRS. BRENGEL that MR. GUYMAN was MR. BANNISTER'S gun expert.

MRS. BRENGEL stated that during her employment there, MR. BANNISTER was dickering with the Mississippi Test Sight for the contract of guarding the facility. In attempting this, he formed a group comprised of ex-FBI men and it is believed one of them was named REGIS KENNEDY.

MRS. BRENGEL further stated that the name of DAVE FERRIE came up during the time MR. BANNISTER was securing information to prevent the deportation of CARLOS MARCELLO. She could not remember any particulars about this name.

MRS. BRENGEL related that the day of the assassination she and DELPHINE ROBERTS were in MR. BANNISTER'S office. MR. BANNISTER did not come in at all that day. DELPHINE received a phone call to inform her that the President was assassinated and to turn on the T.V. When DELPHINE ROBERTS turned on the T.V., she jumped with joy and said "I am glad."

MRS. BRENGEL stated that she had the opportunity to go into the files and could remember that they were of the FBI type containing identification of all known communists, integrationists, and Cuban exiles. Also facts and identification of persons involved in the present political picture at this time.

DELPHINE ROBERTS told MRS. BRENGEL that MR. BANNISTER gave her specific instructions what should be done with certain files in the event of his death.

MRS. BANNISTER sold most of the files to KENT COURTNEY according to MRS. BRENGEL.

MRS. BRENGEL stated that JERRY and VICKI BROWN of 1809 Robert Street observed a light in MR. BANNISTER'S office late on the night of his death.

MRS. BRENGEL stated that the day of MR. BANNISTER'S death, it was a Saturday morning, DELPHINE ROBERTS tried to call him by phone and received no answer. DELPHINE ROBERTS then contacted an FBI man who accompanied her to MR. BANNISTER to find him dead. MRS. BRENGEL states that it appeared she knew beforehand and wanted a witness present.

MRS. BRENGEL could not identify any names of persons involved in the probe with MR. BANNISTER. She agreed to view photos at a later date and stated she would cooperate fully with this office.

CIA

Anti-Castro raids continue

Cuban Exiles Have Lear

By ROBERT K. BROWN

ANTI-CASTRO military activity in the Caribbean and Miami area has reached an all-time low. Even an occasional mention of large training camps and/or impending anti-Castro operations are now hard to find in once rumor-ridden Miami.

Present counter-revolutionary operations are limited to a few surreptitious runs conducted by small groups operating independently of the Central Intelligence Agency, which provides food, medicine, agents and a handful of weapons for their contacts in Cuba. Three or four organizations give classes on demolition and other military subjects in their offices or maintain scraggly training camps where their men exist on rice, beans, hope and the pleasure of cursing the CIA. Since the abortive invasion of Cuba which CIA sponsored in April, 1961, that agency has become almost as unpopular as Fidel Castro with large numbers of Cubans.

CIA-sponsored operations against Castro started slackening off in January of this year before the foreign ministers' meeting at Punta del Este. Failure to initiate operations after Punta del Este was explained by pointing out that nothing should be done which might substantiate Castro's charge of renewed United States aggression before the United Nations.

After that "crisis" passed, the Cubans were pacified with the story that it would take time for new CIA boss John McCone to orient himself.

Then it was said that the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) was taking over the operational missions of the Central Intelligence Agency.

If the Cubans have been unimpressed by these explanations, they have been even more unimpressed with the CIA itself—its operating techniques, personnel, accomplishments, reliability and its relations with the Cuban exile movement in general.

THE exiles say CIA maintains tight control over the majority of anti-Castro organizations by its dispensation of funds, guns and its system of informants which do not spy on Castro but on the counter-revolutionaries.

Money, the lifeblood of any revolutionary movement, has been in short supply. During the successful 1959 revolt against dictator Fulgencio Batista, Cuban revolutionaries obtained most of their funds from inside Cuba—from the middle and upper classes. This has not been possible for the last year and a half. Furthermore, funds that were brought out of Cuba and made available for revolutionary activity have been expended and cannot be replaced. Thus, if

to buy supplies, the exiles look to the CIA for weapons, medicine, foods, ships and all the other materials necessary to keep a revolution going. Cuban exiles who are not corrupt, who are daily risking their lives for freedom, say they have been unable to raise any sizable amounts of money from American citizens or industry.

These exiles say that the CIA pays a monthly lump sum—some estimate it at between \$100,000 and \$200,000—to the "Consejo" which is led by Dr. Miro Cardona, former Premier of Cuba under Castro. Cardona then parcels the money out to the various organizations that make up the "Consejo," they report.

One group which recently broke with the Consejo reportedly received a monthly lump sum of \$2,070. This was supposed to pay the rent, salaries of the department heads of the organization and office supplies.

Several Americans, who helped set up a training camp in the Everglades, reported that as soon as it became known that a training camp was in operation and young Cubans were clamoring to sign up, the CIA contacted the exile organization sponsoring the camp through Cardona and promised to contribute a sizable sum of money to the organization if it would take its men out of the field for just a couple of weeks. The men returned to Miami, the organization got the CIA money and the training camp wasn't reopened, these Americans say.

AND one doesn't have to look far in Cuban exile circles to hear numerous complaints of CIA helplessness in maintaining operations.



ANTI-CASTRO FORCES TRAIN IN SWAMPS.
Small commando raids are effective.

Here is an account of one such complaint:

Sometime ago, a Cuban millionaire bought a small World War II surplus warship (which we'll call the "Florida") and installed the most advanced navigational equipment and engines available. After the boat was equipped to the tune of better than \$50,000, the CIA moved in and offered to take care of operational expenses—salary for the 20-man crew, repairs, ammunition, fuel, etc., as long as they were allowed to control the ship.

The millionaire, who by this time was no longer a millionaire, had no alternative but to agree.

Friction developed between the ship's Cuban crew which was captained by an American and the CIA representatives in Key West after several missions failed due to faulty or incomplete CIA intelligence reports. The CIA then attempted to force replacement of the critical, outspoken but extremely able American captain who didn't hesitate to tell the "spooks" (nickname for CIA agents) what he thought of their operations.

Eventually, the CIA was able to take over the "Florida" due to its control of the purse strings and the original crew and captain were replaced by a crew controlled

by Roberto Bombino who had recently defected from the command of the Cuban frigate "Martí." This same frigate and its commander, Bombino, had chased and attempted to sink the "Florida" three months earlier according to one of the former crew members.

The American captain, who we'll call "Johnny," told me he was offered a year's pay and a trip around the world, or a job as port engineer of Key West if he would withdraw from the "Florida" quietly. With the rest of his crew listening, "Johnny" told me how the new, more pliable crew had promptly run the "Florida" aground while testing her.

"Since we were the only ones that could run her," Johnny laughed, "the CIA reluctantly gave the 'Florida' back to us. After making extensive repairs, we left on a mission to Cuba. A few miles out of Key West, the automatic pilot broke and we had to return to base. On our way back, we decided to test the small outboard motors that we use to power the small boats that ferry men and guns from the ship to shore. They didn't work. After stripping all 4 motors, we discovered water had seeped into the cylinders."

"Johnny" went on to charge that these motors which were supposed to be new had been

used by CIA agents skiing.

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Bombino who had been selected from the crew of the Cuban frigate "Florida" once again. And once again the new crew rendered the ship inoperative by burning out both engines and a generator. One member of the "Florida's" original crew has been negotiating with the CIA to repair the "Florida." With the money earned from such a repair job, the "Florida's" crew hope to buy a smaller ship with which they can conduct their own operations — without CIA "guidance."

CIA personnel, according to the "Florida's" original crew, are "stupid, inexperienced and have not guts." They charge that the head man of the CIA in Key West—code name of "Max"—is an ex-Agriculture Department official who knows nothing about marine operations, and that "Gordon," who is head of marine operations in the Miami area never commanded anything larger than a 50-ft. yacht.

Another Cuban from a different organization told of a CIA "safe house" which was located on a vegetable farm outside of Miami. It soon became obvious, he said, to the surrounding neighbors that growing vegetables was not the primary purpose of the farm's new owners when these "vegetable farmers" raised a big fuss about crop dusting planes flying over their acreage.

When one of the trainees asked his instructor why his M-3 submachine gun only fired single shots, the instructor replied, "Federal law prohibits firing automatic weapons in the U.S." Nonetheless, the Cuban said, the CIA expected these same Cubans to risk their lives with weapons with which they were not completely familiar.

Members of yet another organization bitterly claim they were given cases of Thompson submachine guns for shipment to underground forces in Cuba. When at sea they attempted to test-fire the weapons only to find that the ammunition provided was of a different caliber and therefore completely useless. On another occasion they were given .57 mm. recoilless rifles and .75 mm ammunition.

"Jose," a well-known Cuban athlete who worked for an American company in Cuba, told how he stole a boat with several friends and escaped to the U.S. in August, 1951.

used by CIA agents for water skiing.

After arriving in the U.S., he said, he was promised by the CIA that he would be sent to a camp for specialized training in the near future. He commented sarcastically, "I'd like to know what they mean by near future, as I'm still waiting."

"Jose" related how he and several of his co-workers had placed large amounts of C-4—a high explosive—in vital points throughout the plant in which he worked. When he said, they gleefully informed their American manager the plant was ready to blow up the manager frantically objected, "Don't do that. We'll be back and we don't want that plant destroyed."

THERE are confirmed reports that Cuban lackeys of the CIA also have dealt poorly with their more courageous countrymen. In December, 1950, Miro Cardone, nominal head of the CIA—financed "Consejo," invited young Cubans to join the American armed forces. Several Cubans I talked with claimed they had been promised faithfully that they would be sent directly to special training camps at which they would be taught the special skills they would need to fight the Cuban Communists.

One young chap told me that "Miro himself promised that if I enlisted I would get the training I wanted and needed. So I enlisted in the Air Force. I was sent to Lackland Air Force Base where for six weeks I did little more than polish boots, pick up cigarette butts and clean latrines. I went to my commanding officer and asked when I could expect the special training I was promised. He said he knew nothing of any such "special training." I wrote to the chief of the Air Force and was discharged shortly thereafter."

When I asked him why he thought such promises were made, he answered, "I think they want to keep us from getting in the company's hair. Cubans call the CIA the "company" as the Spanish abbreviation for company is Cia."

Last month, it is known that the heads of three anti-Castro organizations (no longer supported by the CIA) flew to Washington to confer with several congressmen. They reported they were told, "to wait, wait, it's the best way to save lives." "Meanwhile, Castro gets more and more arms and kills more of our friends," one leader commented.

IN SPITE of the CIA, Cuban freedom fighters continue to peck away at Fidel's police state. They say they feel that such efforts are not in vain. They point out that they now bribe fishermen and Castro's militia with ice, food and medicine so they can carry out their missions.

American volunteers, in no way connected with the CIA or any other governmental agency, who advise and train the Cubans maintain that a multitude of small scale raids carried out by killer-raider teams could possibly increase the strain on Castro's now straining economy to the breaking point.

According to these volunteers short hit and run missions would keep the Communists off balance, destroy morale and force them to tighten up their control even further. The number of personnel involved in such activities would be small and consequently the likelihood of the security of such missions being compromised would be slight.

One American adviser related how he and several Cubans had stayed on a key near Cuba for several days while awaiting to make a contact on the mainland. They didn't make their contacts nor did they get involved in any firefights with Castro militia. However, he said, word got out of their presence and Castro had 5,000 militia combing the area for two weeks—after the counter-revolutionaries had left. By his account it cost the American and his counter-revolutionary friends \$50 for

their trip. He estimated it cost Castro's already strained budget tens of thousands of pesos as well as consumption of precious gasoline and wear on vehicles used to transport the militia to and fro.

"You don't have to spend millions of dollars to hurt Castro," the American adviser continued. "Multiply what we did a hundred times over and he would really be hurting."

Guerrillas operating in the Escambray and resistance leaders from the cities continue to trickle into Miami with reports that men are available to fight but they can't do it with their bare hands. After assessing the do-nothing situation in Miami, they compare the Kennedy Administration's policy of hoping that Fidel will wither on the vine to the little boy that was thrown from a horse the first time he tried to ride him and decided not to try again till the horse died.

The result of such bungling, other than giving the CIA a worse name than it had after the Bay of Pigs failure, may produce some side effects that were not counted on. Several persons said it is likely that if and when Castro falls, the leadership replacing him will not be those individuals sponsored by the CIA; such leadership may come from elements which have had to work against the CIA as well as Fidel, in which case they may not turn Cuba into as pro-American a bastion as we would desire.

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: FERRIE

February 3, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: AGENT #1
RE: SMITH CASE

Night before last, February 1, 1967, STEVE LITTLETON left DAVE FERRIE a note saying to get in touch with him right away, it was very important. STEVE LITTLETON wanted DAVE to fly a Twin-Beech Aircraft, N #5252 T, to Lufkum, Texas.

DAVE was supposed to meet STEVE at the New Orleans Airport at 8:30 A.M., but he was late and didn't arrive until 9:10 A.M. Well, in his great rush, DAVE tore up his transmission and burned out his clutch. He arrived at 9:10 A.M., departed at 9:30 A.M., and arrived in Lufkum, Texas at 11:00 A.M. the same morning. He called me from Texas at 2:30 P.M. and said he would be a couple of hours late getting back and he arrived back in New Orleans at 4:55 P.M.

- Q. When he got back, did you talk to him?
- A. Yes. He said he went to pick somebody up.
- Q. Did he come back with somebody else?
- A. I suppose he did. I didn't see him arrive.
- Q. When did this partnership deal come about?
When did it start?
- A. Two weeks ago. DAVE FERRIE offered me a partnership in his business, Air Marine Corporation, alias Mid-South Aviation, and I accepted the partnership. Papers are in the process of being drawn up.
- Q. You are going to bring the papers to a notary to have them checked?
- A. Yes, to make sure everything is legal in case he tries to go back on the partnership.
- Q. Where did you get all these names and telephone numbers?
- A. From FERRIE'S office while he was in Texas.
- Q. And also this loose-leaf paper with a diagram on it?

- A. Out of files, 1963, a notebook of FERRIE'S in his office.
- Q. Describe this. What you think it looks like.
- A. It's a diagram of a figure of a man with his back and what could be called a bullet hole in the back of his head and right shoulder. Also, a diagram of a man side-facing with arrows pointing starting from the back coming to the front of his throat. At the top of the page there is a triangular line going up with markings 60 feet high with a line coming down 2,500 feet long. At the bottom is a diagram of an airplane. That is all I can make out of it.
- Q. I am going to give you a pencil and want you to put the date on it that you got it.
- A. February 2?

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14. OSWALD'S INTERSTATE CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

In order to receive unemployment compensation during his unemployed period, OSWALD filed Continued Interstate Claims at the Division of Employment Security, 630 Camp St., New Orleans. These claims require that you "explain what you have done to find work." OSWALD filled out these forms every week and indicated that he had sought work during his unemployed period as follows: (See Burcham Exhibit, Vol 19, p. 224-234)

*Mon.- July 22 (filed initial claim)
 Tues- July 23: Stone Center
 Wed.- " 24: Rex Photography
 Fri.- " 26: O'Donnell Brothers Printing;
 Offset Production & Design
 Mon.- " 29: Southern Printing; Krause-Bon Studio
 *Tues- " 30: Godchaux's, Canal St.; Coca Cola Bottling Co.
 Fri.- Aug. 2 : Winston Printing Co.
 Sat.- " 3 : United Fruit Co.; Nifty Printing Co.
 Mon.- " 5 : Union Printing Co.
 *Tues- " 6 : Cosmos Shipping
 Wed.- " 7 : Katz & Bestoff
 Fri.- " 9 : Ables Commercial Photography
 Mon.- " 12: Bernados-Weiss Photography; Hartman Studios
 *Tues- " 13: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 14: Esso Company
 Thur- " 15: Print Rollers, Inc.
 Fri.- " 16: Times-Picayune; States-Item.
 Sun.- " 18: Bestoff Drugstore (darkroom)
 Mon.- " 19: Krains Shoes; Pedro Art Studio;
 Thomas Barberito
 *Tues- " 20: Scultz Bookkeeping. (clerk)
 Thur- " 22: Jean Guccione (photographer)
 Fri.- " 23: Lee Tilton Studio (darkroom)
 Mon.- " 26: Bill Coran Studio (photographer)
 *Tues- " 27: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 28: Francks Studio (photographer)
 Thur- " 29: Rosen, 859 So. Front St. (Clerk)
 Fri.- " 30: Reif or Ceif Studio (darkroom)
 *Tues- Sep. 3 : South Central Studio (darkroom)
 Wed.- " 4 : Lincoln Photo Studio (Photo)
 Thur- " 5 : Primary Color Lab (darkroom)
 Fri.- " 6 : Dumas Milner Leasing (clerk)
 Mon.- " 9 : McKenzie Shoppe; Marine & Industrial (clerk)
 *Tues- " 10: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 11: Jasimer Co. (clerk)
 Thur- " 12: Rathborne Land & Lumber Co. (any)
 Fri.- " 13: Sackett Studios (photo)
 Sat.- " 14: Ansco Photo Supplies (photo)
 *Tues- " 17: (filed claim)
 Wed.- " 18: Ajax, Inc., Photographers (photo)
 Thur- " 19: W. B. Simson, Shipping (any)
 Fri.- " 20: 532 Magazine, B. D. Co. (clerk)
 *Tues- " 24: (filed final claim)

It cannot be taken as established that OSWALD in fact sought work at any of the above establishments, in view of the ease with which he could have looked them up in the Yellow Pages, and simply filled in the names on the forms he filled out. It is especially unlikely that he sought work after obtaining his visa for Mexico on September 17.

Therefore the following summary of OSWALD's activities does not include reference to the above alleged attempts to obtain employment.

15. SUMMARY OF OSWALD'S MOVEMENTS WHILE UNEMPLOYED IN N. O.

JULY

Thursday	18	At library
Friday	19	Left Reily Coffee Co.
Saturday	20	
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	Filed first unemployment claim.
Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	
Thursday	25	
Friday	26	
Saturday	27	To Mobile
Sunday	28	Mobile to New Orleans
Monday	29	
Tuesday	30	At library; filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	31	At library;

AUGUST

Thursday	1	Wrote "August 1" on letter to V. T. Lee
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	Letter to V. T. Lee postmarked 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4.
Monday	5	At library; Met Carlos Bringuier in Casa Roca
Tuesday	6	Filed unemployment claim
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	At library
Friday	9	Arrested on Canal St. Spent night at police station.
Saturday	10	Interviewed at police station.

AUGUST - Cont.

Sunday	11	
Monday	12	Payed fine in Court; at library.
Tuesday	13	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	14	
Thursday	15	
Friday	16	Leafleting at Trade Mart; Quiroga goes to Magazine St.
Saturday	17	Stuckey visits Oswald at 8 a.m., and recorded him at 5 p.m.
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	Oswald phone Stuckey (or on 20th)
Tuesday	20	Filed unemployment claim
Wednesday	21	Appeared on Conversation 'Carte Blanche' at WDSU.
Thursday	22	At library
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	
Tuesday	27	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	
Tuesday	3	Filed unemployment claim.
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	

Brief History of the Chain of Title of 544 Camp Street

On May 9, 1851 the heirs of Benjamin Story via a notarial act passed before H.B. Cenas sold the property to Benjamin S. Story.

Forty years later on June 24, 1891 Benjamin S. Story sold the property to the Crescent Encampment No. 1 of the Order of Knights of Temperance, who owned the property for 20 years until December 7, 1919 when they sold it to the Longshoremen's Benevolent Association, also known as the Stevedore's and Longshoremen's Benevolent Society. The union also owned the property for about 20 years or until March 19, 1942 when they sold it to United Building Association of New Orleans in whose possession it remained for the next 17 years.

Throughout the property transfers the corner lot is referred to by either or both of its municipal addresses: Camp St. and 529-533 Lafayette St. The lot at issue (3rd Tax Assessment District, Square 164, Lot D) is on the corner of Camp and Lafayette Streets. The square is bounded by Poydras, Magazine, Lafayette, and Camp. We know that the Lafayette and Camp Street addresses belong to the same property not only because the property descriptions, i.e. "metes and bounds" and the square footage, match from act to act whether either ~~or~~ both addresses are used, but also because there is no subdivision plan filed, which would indicate that the lot had been divided.

On August 6, 1959 in an act before Irving Novick, Notary United Building Association of New Orleans sold 544 Camp St. to Oscar J. Friedmann for \$32,500.00 cash. On that same date and before the same notary, Oscar J. Friedmann sold the property to Capital Gains, Inc. for \$50,000.00 on terms.

Capital Gains, Inc. was a relatively new corporation, incorporated on July 15, 1969 in an act before the same notary, Irving Novick. Capital's shareholders were:

1. William C. Copping - 20 shares

516 Delta Bldg. 348 Baronne St. New Orleans, LA

2. Mrs. Louana Buzbee - 1 share
822 Perdido Street (Irving Novick's address)
3. Sidney de Armas - 1 share
822 Perdido Street (Probably Novick's law partner)

Capital's directors were Copping, Buzbee, and Joseph E. LeMieux (at Copping's address).

On August 25, 1960 in an act before James P. Grevemberg, Oscar J. Friedmann, Capital Gains, Inc. via its agent, Louis A. DiRosa sold the property to Sam Newman for \$35,000.00 - 6221.00 cash and the balance on terms. The property addresses are 544 Camp St. and 529-31-33 Lafayette St. The act also indicates that Sam Newman was married and lived at 1337 Mithra Street.

On July 12, 1965, Sam Newman sold the property to Fidelity Homestead for \$58,000.00 cash. The act was passed before Allain C. Andry (now the President of Fidelity Homestead). On that same date and before Allain C. Andry again, the property was sold to Hughes J. de la Vergne II, never married 2314 Jefferson Avenue, Charles Edouard de la Vergne, never married 427 Walnut, and Louis Victor de la Vergne, never married 427 Walnut for \$34,800.00 terms. Apparently, the Homestead lost over \$20,000.00 on the sale, but Fidelity lost much more.

On March 7, 1973 Judge Edward J. Boyle of the Federal District Court granted a joint motion filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Gerald Gallinghouse, via Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert N. Habans, Jr. and by the attorney for the de la Vergnes, Ralph L. Kaskell, Jr. of DKS. The joint motion sold the property to the U.S. Government for \$141,162.50.

It is indeed ironic that the Federal government chose to erect its building, named the Hale Boggs Building in honor of that member of the Warren commission who disappeared in a plane over Alaska, on the site of the 544 Camp St. building.

Re: BANISTER
+ FAIR PLAY for CUBA PAMPHLETS
+ DISPOSITION of FILES
+ DELPHINE ROBERTS

MEMORANDUM

May 1, 1967 - Dictated

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: MRS. MARY BANISTER - INTERVIEW WITH
April 29th and 30th, 1967

I traveled to Monroe, Louisiana to talk to Mrs. MARY BANISTER in connection with the files her husband GUY BANISTER was keeping in the course of his investigative work. Mrs. BANISTER told me that after he husband died Mrs. DELPHINE ROBERTS and her daughter took some files from GUY BANISTER's apartment and also from GUY BANISTER's office and turned them over to Mr. G. WRAY GILL. She also said that she believes these files were in reference to an investigation concerning DAVID FERIE and his case with Eastern Airlines. She stated that she later on called Mr. GILL and asked him to return these files to her and he did not do so. She said that she does not know what happened to these files. Mrs. BANISTER went on to say that she also burned some files because she felt, in her opinion, that these files should be destroyed as they might hurt some innocent people; that these files did not contain anything in regards to Communist or anti-Communist group activities. Mrs. BANISTER told me that about 1 or 2 days after her husband's death she did go to his office in an attempt to prevent anyone from taking these files and discovered that some files had already been taken. The old man who lived above BANISTER's office told her that he had seen DELPHINE ROBERTS and her daughter take some files while her daughter and a policeman was present.

GILL:

ROBERTS:

FPC PAMPHLETS:

MCC:

INDEX:
(To State Police.
Obtained by
N.D.A.'s office)

She said that the only thing she could say in regard to OSWALD's Fair Play for Cuba Committee was that she saw some Fair Play For Cuba leaflets in BANISTER's office when she went there after his death. Mrs. BANISTER said she threw them away in the wastebasket. Mrs. BANISTER told me that because she was in such financial difficulties she sold many of her husband's files to the Metropolitan Crime Commission, and she gave some to the State Sovereignty Commission, and she also gave some to the State Police. She said that she also gave a complete index card catalogue, which was a record of every investigation that her husband was involved in, to the State Police. Mrs. BANISTER said that she had never heard her husband speak of the Friends of Cuba or Voice of Cuba or SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, BILL DALZELL, OR CARLOS QUEROGA. She said that the name REGIS KENNEDY is familiar to her probably because I told her he is an F.B.I. Agent.

I looked over the books which Mrs. BANISTER had, which were in her husband's library, and these were text books on various subjects which did not pertain to any investigation. She

told me that she had donated other text books to the New Orleans Public Library, Northeastern State College, and Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

Mrs. BANISTER emphasized the point that she did not want to get involved in any way, and that if anyone did ask her if she had talked to anyone from the District Attorney's Office, she would say that she had not. However, Mrs. BANISTER did say that she would like to help us in any way she could but that she would like to help us on a confidential basis.

ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA

AJS/leb

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

RE: (1) BANISTER
(2) LO "ESCORT"

DECEMBER 29, 1966

STATEMENT OF: JOSEPH A. OSTER, WM, age 38
RESIDING AT: 809 Audubon
TELEPHONE NO. 525-4205

S T A T E M E N T

In about 1956, Guy Banister and I went in business together in the private investigating firm known as Guy Banister and Associates, Inc. At that time, we were in the Balter Building on St. Charles Street in New Orleans. During the course of time I was in business with Banister, I met Jack Martin and others.

Subsequently, I left Banister and formed my own corporation in 1958. It was known as Southern Research Company, Inc. now Joseph A. Oster and Associates, Inc.

During the time I was in business with Banister, I had occasion to visit his home on Argonne Blvd. At that time, Banister had to my knowledge a number of rifles and also a 357 Magnum. I can vaguely remember that he had a .30 caliber bolt action rifle also a shotgun, also an over and under, I don't know what caliber. The .30 caliber bolt action had a telescopic sight. I know Banister carried a 357 magnum with gold initials (I think the initials were WGB). What happened to these guns, I don't know.

During the course of my friendship with Banister, from the middle of 62 to the end of '63, I met Joe Newbrough, Bill Ninski, Delphene Roberts, Jack Martin, and I was introduced

to Dave Ferrie and two Cuban exiles. I don't remember their names. One I know was employed in the Audubon Building for an engineering firm on the 5th floor. He was tall, thin, dark hair, and I vaguely remember he was a draftsman or some kind of engineer. He was approximately 30 to 32 years old. At the time I met them, they were driving an old Ford. The other Cuban was short, stocky, moustache and appeared to be highly educated. He was about 45 years old. When Banister introduced me to them, he told me they were Cuban exiles and had been run out of Cuba by Castro. He also told me they were the heads of some kind of exile movement here in New Orleans, and they were trying to get some kind of program started.

I remember one time Banister was telling me about some automobile parts and heavy equipment being sent to Cuba in violation of a State Department band against the export of equipment to Cuba. He was investigating it for somebody. He told me it was in violation of the State Department's band and he left me with the impression it was jeeps, and sugar refinery equipment. For some reason I remember the name Dibert, Bancroft, and Roth at Tulane and South Jefferson Davis. This comes in somewhere, I don't remember exactly where. He told me he had pictures of this stuff and mentioned the name of the wharf where it was. He also told me he could take me and show me the equipment that was going to Cuba. I remember he told me that he had pictures of this equipment but I don't remember if he told me Newbrough did take them or was going to take them. He called and asked me about a camera, but I didn't have the kind he wanted. So, the next time I saw him, Newbrough was in the office along with Martin, Dave Ferrie, and Dave Lewis. Delphene Roberts was the secretary. Bill Ninski was in the other room. This was on

Lafayette Street. We went around to the restaurant and Newbrough told me he had taken some pictures for Banister. What they were, I don't know. I think Newbrough or Martin mentioned jeeps to me.

Subsequently, I ran into one of the Cubans I was introduced to in Banister's Office in my own office building and I would see him coming in and out of the elevator, and I asked him if he had seen Banister and he said, "No, I'm not fooling with that anymore." I haven't seen this Cuban for about four months now. This particular unknown Cuban was watching Oswald pass out these pamphlets in front of Maison Blanche, Kress, and the Audubon Building.

I remember - Anna ^(sic) Birdglass was also in and out of Banister's Office during this same period.

check
photo of
possible
"escort"

Unsorted letters re
Bannister or Cuban
Operation

Re: (1) BANISTER
(2) CUBAN
EXILES

To: Archives
Banister
For: Reddy, Friends
of Dem. Cuba + Indirect
files. *JS*

MR JIM GARRISON
NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPT.
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

IN EARLY JANUARY OF 1961 I WENT TO NEW ORLEANS WHILE ON A BUMMING AROUND THE COUNTRY EXPEDITION. AS MY FUNDS WERE LOW AT THAT TIME, I BEGAN LOOKING FOR A JOB. WHILE FOLLOWING A JOB LEAD ON A SIDE STREET OFF CANAL STREET - I DON'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE STREET - I NOTED A BUILDING ALL DECKED OUT IN RED, WHITE AND BLUE BANNERS WITH A LARGE SIGN ACROSS THE FRONT IN LETTERS AT LEAST A FOOT TALL, SAYING FRIENDS OF DEMOCRATIC CUBA (LATER THE NAME WAS CHANGED).

I WONDERED AT THIS AS CASTRO WAS AT THAT TIME MAKING INTERNATIONAL PLEAS FOR MILITARY AID AS THERE WAS, HE SAID, GOING TO BE AN INVASION FROM THE UNITED STATES... AND HE HAD LONG SINCE DECLARED CUBA COMMUNIST. SO I WENT IN TO INFORM THESE PEOPLE THAT CUBA WAS NOT A DEMOCRATIC BUT A DICTATORIAL NATION. I STEPPED INTO THE MOST UNUSUAL SITUATION I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.

SUPPOSEDLY, THIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS PEOPLE WERE COLLECTING CLOTHING, FOOD, MONEY AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ETC, FOR CUBAN REFUGEES WHO WERE COMING OVER TO THE U.S. THE ORGANIZATION WAS IN EFFECT, I LEARNED SHORTLY, A FRONT FOR THE SCHEME OF AN INVASION OF CUBA AND THIS WAS ONE OF THEIR HEADQUARTERS. HAVING NO PLACE TO STAY, THEY INVITED ME TO STAY WITH THEM IN THIS OFFICE AREA THEY HAD IN THE BUILDING IN EXCHANGE FOR USE OF MY CAR.

I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THE LIKE OF WHICH I THOUGHT EXISTED ONLY IN MOVIES. WHEN YOUR ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION CAME TO LIGHT I RECOGNIZED IMMEDIATELY MANY OF THE FACES AND NAMES AS THOSE I HAD ASSOCIATED WITH FOR OVER TWO MONTHS AND KNEW AS UNPREDICTABLE CHARACTERS.

I MET GUY BANNISTER AND TALKED WITH HIM IN GROUPS A NUMBER OF TIMES - HE EXPLAINED HIMSELF TO BE AN EX FBI MAN WHO WAS RETIRED AND NOT DOING PRIVATE INVESTIGATING. HE HAD SOME KIND OF DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR ABOUT OBTAINING A HIGH OFFICE IN CUBA AFTER THE CASTRO OVERTHROW. WHEN THE FIRST PLAN FOR INVASION DIDN'T MATERIALIZE (THERE WAS THREE SUCH WHILE I WAS THERE) HE SUGGESTED A WILD SCHEME TO ORGANIZE A "BLACK BRIGADE" OF ANTI COMMUNIST BANDITTS, WHICH WAS TO BE NAMED "BANNISTER'S BASTARDS" AND WERE TO FIGHT SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE, FOR PAY FROM GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES. HE CAME INTO THE OFFICE ALONE MOST OF THE TIME BUT SOMETIMES HE HAD OTHER MEN WITH HIM. THOUGH HIS NATURE WAS NOT NEARLY AS EXPLOSIVE AS THE LATINIS THERE, SOME OF HIS IDEAS WERE WILD TO SAY THE LEAST. AN INTERESTING POINT... AS WELL AS I CAN REMEMBER HIM, HE LOOKED A GREAT DEAL LIKE THE PICTURES I HAVE SEEN OF CLAY SHAW.

ONE OF THE DISGRUNTLED CUSANS I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH WAS SERGIO - CAN'T REMEMBER HIS LAST NAME - IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE ARGADIS. HE WAS ALWAYS IMMACULATLY DRESSED IN A BLUE SUIT, WELL SHAVEN AND ALOOF. HE WAS THE CHIEF SPIRIT IN NEW ORLEANS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE INVASION. MOST OF HIS COHORTS WERE EVIDENTLY OF THE SAME SOCIO ECONOMIC LEVEL, USED TO COMMAND AND WANTED THEMSELVES TO BE CHIEF. THEREFORE THEY COULD NOT SEEM TO BE ORGANIZED. I REMEMBER THAT ONE OF HIS PLANS WAS TO HAVE A FLOAT IN THE MARDI GRAS PARADE CONSISTING OF A LARGE CUBAN FLAG -

BED SHEET SIZE - ON A FLOAT BED IN THIS MANNER - SEE ~~RECORD~~ - WITH POINTING SUPERIMPOSED TO THE EFFECT THAT PEOPLE THROW COINS AGAINST THE FLAG WHICH WOULD THEN FALL ONTO THE BED OF THE FLOAT TO BE COLLECTED TO AID IN FREEDING CUBA.

HE, SERGIO - WAS OF AN EXPLOSIVE TEMPERAMENT AND CARED NOT A WHIT FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF AND HIS POSSESSIONS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE AND DR. JOSE DEL HAYA (THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE OF THE GROUP) ALMOST DID BATTLE IN THE OFFICE.

I HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF DR. JOSE DEL HAYA IN YOUR INVESTIGATIONS. HE WAS THE NOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL, WAS SINCERE AND MOST PERSONABLE. HE WAS SLIGHT OF BUILD, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, REFINED, INTELLIGENT AND THE ONLY ONE OF THE GROUP OF PERHAPS TWENTY PEOPLE IN THE GROUP THAT WAS OF VALUE. HE TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN WITH THE STUDENT REVOLT OF 1953 IN CUBA AND WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED. HE FOUGHT WITH CASTRO ON HIS SIDE, BUT DISAGREED WITH HIM POLITICALLY. HE TOLD ME HE WAS SENT TO THE U.S. BY CASTRO AFTER CASTRO'S VICTORY, TO GARNER PUBLIC SUPPORT. HE WAS RECALLED AND IMPRISONED WHEN HE QUESTIONED THE POST REVOLUTION PURGES. HE ESCAPED, CAME TO THE U.S. AND WAS STRIVING TO ATTAIN RECOGNITION BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOC. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WAS TRYING TO GET COMPANIES WITH INDUSTRIES WHICH WERE NATIONALIZED BY CASTRO TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR HIS OVERTHROW. HE WAS A MAN OF PASSION AND COMPASSION DEDICATED TO HIS PEOPLE. THE LAST I HEARD OF HIM, HE WAS IN OKLAHOMA CITY WORKING IN A HOSPITAL. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF HIM, TRY TO FIND HIM. I AM SURE HE KNOWS AND CAN CONTRIBUTE MUCH KNOWLEDGE TO YOUR INVESTIGATION. I DON'T KNOW WHO HE REALLY WAS. I USED TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON SOME STRANGE MISSIONS WHICH HE WOULD NOT EXPLAIN AND AFTER THE CIA TIE WAS EXPOSED AT THE BAY OF PIGS, I BEGAN TO WONDER IF ANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE REAL.

THERE WAS A ROUST ABOUT WHO CALLED HIMSELF "TIGER" JIN - A ELDATER WHO LIKED TO WEAR A SHIRT AND TIE - WAS POTENTIALLY INTELLIGENT BUT COULD NOT BE TRUSTED FOR A MOMENT. HE WAS EVIDENTLY A MAN OF WORDLY EXPERIENCE - HE KNEW PEOPLE IN NEW ORLEANS. HE ALSO CONSIDERED CUBA, AS HE PUT IT, "ONE BIG PIE OF WHICH HE WANTED A SLICE, AND THE REVOLUTION WOULD AFFORD IT".

HE AND A MAN NAMED CHARLIE, WHO SUPPOSEDLY HAD WORKED IN A JEWELRY STORE IN PHILADELPHIA PENN., BUT HAD ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE RETURNED FROM MONTEVIDEO, DEVISED A PLOT WHICH I OVERHEARD IN THE PLANNING (AFTER THE SECOND INVASION IDEA FADED OUT) OF ABDSCENDING WITH THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES WHICH HAD BEEN STOCKPILED IN THE OFFICE AND SELLING THE SERINGES AND MORPHINE IN THE FRENCH QUARTER FOR MONEY TO START A CHICKEN FARM IN PERU.... ALONG WITH A SHAGGLE TOOTHED CHARACTER WHO CLAIMED TO BE OF PURE BLOOD CHEROKEE INDIAN, KOREAN WAR VETERAN AND TRUCK MECHANIC, AND WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY ENGAGED TO MARRY THE DAUGHTER OF A MILLIONAIRE FROM LIMA, PERU. HIS NAME WAS JOSEPH MOORE AND HE GAVE ME THIS ADDRESS IF EVER I WAS IN LIMA, PERU - AV. AREGAIZ, 2798 SAN ISIDRO, LIMA, PERU. I FOUND I STILL HAD THIS ADDRESS IN AN OLD WALLET AND THIS IS AS WELL AS I CAN MAKE OUT HIS WRITING. NOTE: I ALSO JUST FOUND DR. JOSE DEL HAYA'S ADDRESS HE GAVE ME BEFORE LEAVING NEW ORLEANS: DR. JOSE DEL HAYA, C/O GENERAL DELIVERY, NEW ORLEANS, LA. ALSO 1420, 15TH ST. NORTH, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., AND CONCORDIA 963, HABANA, CUBA.

JOE MOORE WAS TALL - 6 FT. 3 INCHES, THIN AND WEIGHED 175-180 LBS. CHARLIE WAS 5 FT. 8 INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD. BLOND, SHIRT AND TIE TYPE WITH SOME COLLEGE AND A GREAT CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH EXPLOSIVE LATIN NATURES. HIS CLOSEST COHORT WAS A MAN WHO REMINDED ME OF GENE KELLY (ACTOR) IN APPEARANCE BUT WAS MENTALLY BACKWARD. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE JUST ESCAPED TO THE U.S. FROM A PRISON IN VERA CRUZ, WHERE HE AND SEVERAL CONFEDERATES HAD BEEN IMPRISONED FOR BEING CAUGHT WITH A LOAD OF GUNS

WHICH WERE HEADED FOR GUATEMALA.

THEN THERE WAS BILL: WHOEVER HE WAS: HE LOOKED LIKE A POOR MAN'S CLARK GABLE WITH TWENTY EXTRA POUNDS. A THEATRICAL GENERAL WHO LIKED TO SIT BEHIND A DESK WITH PAPERS AND PEN IN HAND WITH OVERLY DRAMATIZED EXPRESSION OF MEDITATION AND CONCERN. HE WANTED TO BE A COMMANDER IN THE FIELD OF THE COUNTER REVOLUTIONARIES AND STOICLY DISREGARD THE PRAISE OF THE FREED MULTITUDE AS HE BORE THE WEIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM, AS LONG AS IT WASN'T DANGEROUS OR REQUIRED NO REAL RESPONSIBILITY. I REMEMBER HE WAS LIVING OFF AND ON WITH A VERY HEAVY BLOND WOMAN IN THE QUARTER WHO WORE WHITE AS IF SHE WERE A NURSE. HER NAME WAS BETTY. SHE ONCE CALLED THE OFFICE AND SAID SHE HAD FOUND A NOTE IN THE GARBAGE CAN INDICATING THAT BILL WAS A DOUBLE AGENT.

*P. Betty
Farratt?*

A GIRL WHO CLAIMED TO BE FROM COLUMBIA NAMED CHRISTINA CAME INTO THE OFFICE FREQUENTLY, STRUCK A RELATIONSHIP WITH TIGER JIN AND THEY BECAME ENGAGED. SHE WAS A DEVOUT PATRIOT TO LATIN FREEDOM AND STAUNCHLY SUPPORTED THE CASTRO OVERTHROW. HOWEVER, SHE WAS REFINED AND EDUCATED SOMEWHAT AND MOVED THROUGH AT ODD ANGLES IF THAT MAKES SENSE, NOT FITTING AT ALL WITH THE OVERALL EARTHY, CARNAL GROUP TYPE CAST. SHE WAS MORE OF DEL HAYA'S CLASS ... I REMEMBER THAT WE WENT OVER TO VISIT HER ONCE AND ALL EVENING THERE WAS CONVERSATION IN DOUBLE TALK. I AM SURE IT WAS NOT THAT OF SEDUCTION AROUND A THIRD PERSON EITHER.

THERE WAS A FELLOW CALLED ROSIE. HE WAS UNCLEAN, LETHARGIC OF MIND AND LETHAL. THOUGH HE SEEMED DULL EYED AND DULL WITTED, HE WOULD AT THE SAME TIME DO LITTLE THINGS THAT REQUIRED WIT. HE WANTED ME TO GO ON A LITTLE TRIP WITH HIM TO BRAZEL WHERE WE WERE TO PICK UP A QUANTITY OF UNCUT STONES WHICH WOULD THEN BE DROPPED ON A REEF AT THE EDGE OF U.S. TERRITORIAL WATERS TO BE PICKED UP BY DIVERS AND SUGGLED INTO THE U.S. WE WOULD SPLIT \$50,000.00 FOR IT. I WAS THE ONLY ONE HE TRUSTED.

ON TWO OCCASIONS, AN ALOOF, REFINED, HANDSOME YOUNG CUBAN CAME IN, WHO WAS NAMED FRANCESCO SOMETHING. HIS FATHER WAS AROUND OFTEN AND HAD FOUGHT FOR CUDAN UNITY AND FREEDOM SEVERAL TIMES. EACH TIME FRANCESCO WAS TO ARRIVE, THERE WAS MUCH HULLABALLOO. MY CAR WAS USED TO PICK HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT.

OF LITTLE VALUE BUT ALWAYS THERE WAS A MENTALLY RETARDED MAN NAMED JERRY.

IN REFERENCE TO ALL THE ABOVE NAMED PEOPLE, I AM SORRY THAT I CANNOT REMEMBER THEIR FULL NAMES, BUT I COULD IDENTIFY MOST OF THEIR PHOTOS AND RECALL MORE DETAILS ON EACH OF THEM AND OTHERS. IF YOU THINK THAT I COULD BE OF HELP, PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO PLAYBOY MAGAZINE, STATING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH THE GUY FROM UP NORTH. I WOULD CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY BUT IT IS TOO DANGEROUS.

MEMORANDUM

Re: FERRIE

January 11, 1967

TO: LOUIS IVON, INVESTIGATOR

FROM: LYNN LOISEL, INVESTIGATOR

RE: PHONE CALL FROM JIMMY JOHNSON REGARDING FERRIE AND
THE SMITH CASE (January 10, 1967, 4:00 P. M.)

It is to be noted that Jimmy Johnson who was once a close associate of Ferrie, but broke free from Ferrie but as a favor for this office, renewed his friendship with Ferrie for information purposes for this office.

Jimmy stated that Ferrie had contacted Pershing the other day in regards to the Cuban woman's name that was mentioned in the Saturday Evening Post article.

That Ferrie had called a lawyer (name unknown) last night which would be January 9, 1967, and spoke with the lawyer about his being investigated by this office. Details of conversation unknown.

Ferrie has a lot of old army paraphernalia in his apartment, such as, walkie talkies, incendiary bombs, etc.

Ferrie was showing nude pictures (moving films) to two young boys and a district police car shined a light on his front porch and he really became frightened and uncontrollable, telling Jimmy that the police must suspect him.

Jimmy stated that one Steve Littleton parked a twin-engine beachcraft in Ferrie's spot at the airport, and that their plane was flown in from out-of-town. It is at Ferrie's disposal. He also heard Ferrie and Littleton talking about a little island somewhere and they were interested in knowing if they could land the beachcraft on this island.

Jimmy feels that they may have taken a smaller airplane and flew to this island today to look at a possible landing spot.

End of Communication

LYNN LOISEL

LL/bb

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: FERRIE

February 10, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: AGENT #1
RE: SMITH CASE

Agent #1 stated that DAVE FERRIE hasn't been very active the past week. He continuously complains of being sick and knows that he is going to die soon.

Agent #1 stated the partnership he and FERRIE has is not working out. He has been working with FERRIE and FERRIE will not pay him any money. He stated that he got into a heated argument with FERRIE on Wednesday, February 8, 1967, because he needed \$90.00 to pay his rent. After threatening to "kick the shit" out of him (quote from Agent #1), DAVE FERRIE brought \$45.00 to Agent #1's wife, and promised to give the rest to him later on that day. When Agent #1 insisted on the rest of his money, DAVE FERRIE told him he didn't have it and couldn't get it for him now because he was going home, that he was not feeling well and didn't want to argue any more. FERRIE stated he was going to straighten everything out in the next day or so (meaning his business) and then kill himself.

While in the District Attorney's Office, Agent #1 was requested to telephone DAVE FERRIE and have a friendly conversation with him so as not to break up their relationship. Agent #1 stated that this was no problem because DAVE FERRIE was in love with him. The call was made and arrangements were made to have Agent #1 pay a friendly visit to DAVE FERRIE.

/leb

FBI Indicated File
(Copy to Federal Bureau
for follow-up action)

MEMORANDUM

November 7, 1967

Re: CUBANS (general)
Re: BANISTER
Re: CARLOS QUIROGA

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: TOM BETHELL

RE: Unidentified men at 544 Camp Street

(According to FBI statute)
Note: Apparently Newman rented
544 Camp Street to Cubans
on 2 occasions:
(1) OCT '61 thru FEB '62
(2) For an unspecified period
beginning MARCH or APRIL, 1962
(But this is contradicted
by an interview for 5/5 when
he says 544 not rented to Cubans
since September '62) J/g

Summary of interviews with SAM NEWMAN

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|----|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | 11/23/63 | S.A. ANTHONY GERRETS | S.S. | CE 3119 |
| 2. | 11/25/63 | S.A. WALLE & FOLSE | FBI | Archives, CD 75 |
| 3. | 11/27/63 | SGT. AUSTIN & DET. FREY | (N.O.P.D.) | CE 1413 |
| 4. | 12/2/63 | S.A. RICE | S.S. | CE 1414 |
| 5. | 1/18/67 | GEORGE ECKERT | (BANISTER file) | |

1. NEWMAN's initial interview on 11/23/63 resulted from the discovery that some of OSWALD's literature bore the address 544 Camp Street stamped on it.

NEWMAN related that he had rented office space to "Cuban revolutionaries" over a period of three or four months, but that he had evicted them because they got behind on the rent. After he had evicted these revolutionaries, he discovered that "an unknown subject (white; male; 22/24; 5'9½"; 185 lbs.; fair complexion; light brown hair; spoke with Spanish accent) had moved into the space in the building vacated by the Cubans without notifying him. NEWMAN only saw him once "and had no idea as to what his name might be." NEWMAN gives no indication of the date of this encounter (either month or year).

According to the same Secret Service report (CE 3119), one JAMES ARTHUS ("apparently harmless protective Research subject of file CC-2-32, 791") at 544 Camp Street who "stated that an unknown man had attempted to rent an office at 544 Camp Street, but that he discouraged him."

2. In his interview with the FBI, NEWMAN advised that he rented the office space to the Cubans "approximately 8 or 9 months ago," i.e. (March or April, 1963). He added that he did not recollect seeing OSWALD in or around the building, nor had he rented any office space to the FPCC, or anyone by the name of OSWALD. Someone called him, in September 1963, however, wanting to rent office space, but NEWMAN did not see this individual, as he put him in touch with the aforementioned JAMES ARTHUS the janitor.

NEWMAN added that "9 or 10 months ago" (Jan. or Feb. 1963) a tall, thin man, aged about 38, with dark hair, did contact him and paid one month's rent for an office, which he was going to use to teach Spanish.

This is presumably not the same man NEWMAN had mentioned two days earlier to the Secret Service, whom NEWMAN does not mention in this interview.

1. You have said you were in LEE OSWALD's company only on one occasion (i.e., when you attempted to "infiltrate his organization"). Isn't it a fact that you were in OSWALD's company on a number of occasions?

Answer: NO Evaluation: S/R - Specific reactions

2. Do you have any first-hand knowledge of the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy?

Answer: NO Evaluation: N/S/R No Specific reactions

3. ^{Directly or indirectly} Do you know the names of the men who participated in killing President Kennedy in Dallas?

Answer: NO Evaluation: N/S/R No specific reactions

4. Did you know in advance that it was going to be done?

Answer: NO Evaluation: N/S/R No specific reactions

5. Do you know the names of the two men who visited SYLVIA ODIO in Dallas with LEE OSWALD?

Answer: NO Evaluation: N/S/R No specific reactions

6. Have you ever visited SYLVIA ODIO in Dallas?

Answer: NO Evaluation: N/S/R No specific reactions

7.

In the late Summer and early Fall of 1963, LEE OSWALD is often seen in the company of a stocky, unusually powerful man of Latin descent. This man is described by various witnesses as being dark, unusually strong looking and having a very thick neck. To you think you know the name of this man?

Answer:

NO

Evaluation:

S/R

Specific reactions

8.

You have said you tried to "infiltrate" OSWALD's "organization". Isn't it a fact that you know that his "Fair Play for Cuba" activities were merely a cover?

Answer:

NO

Evaluation:

S/R

Specific reactions

9.

Is it not a fact that at that time OSWALD was in reality a part of an anti-Castro operation?

Answer:

NO

Evaluation:

S/R

Specific reactions

10.

Do you know the names of the other men who were involved with OSWALD in the New Orleans operation in 1963?

Answer:

NO

Evaluation:

N/S/R

No Specific reactions

11.

Did you participate in any way in the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy?

Answer:

NO

Evaluation:

N/S/R

No Specific reactions

12.

Did SERGIO ARCACHA participate in any way in the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy?

Answer:

NO

Evaluation:

N/S/R

No Specific reactions

13. According to your own knowledge, did DAVID FERRIE know LEE OSWALD in 1963?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

M/S/R No Specific reaction

14. Did CLAY SHAW?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

M/S/R No Specific Reaction

15. Did SERGIO ARCACHA?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

S/R Specific reaction

16. Did JACK RUBY?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

M/S/R No Specific reaction

17. Did GUY BANISTER?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

S/R Specific reaction

18. Did GORDON NOVEL?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

M/S/R No Specific reaction

19. Did any other persons, whom you know of, know LEE OSWALD in 1963? (We are not referring to chance encounters)?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

S/R Specific reaction

20. Do you know who got OSWALD his job at the Reily Coffee Company?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

N/S/R

NO Specific Reaction

21. Do you know which individuals at the Reily Coffee Company were aware of OSWALD's real mission in New Orleans?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

N/S/R

NO Specific Reaction

22. Prior to the assassination of the President, did you ever see any of the guns which were used in his assassination?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

S/R

Specific Reaction

23. Do you know where the men who killed President Kennedy stayed while they were in Dallas?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

N/S/R

NO Specific Reaction

24. Do you believe that you know who fired the shots from in front of the President?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

N/S/R

NO Specific Reaction

25. After the assassination, did you ever have occasion to see (in real life, not on TV) any of the men who took part in it?

Answer:

Evaluation:

NO

N/S/R

NO Specific Reaction

26. According to your own knowledge, did DEAN ANDREWS know about any special mission in which OSWALD may have been involved in the Summer of 1963?

Answer: Evaluation:

no w/s/r no Specific Reaction

27. Do you have reason to believe that DEAN ANDREWS knew about the conspiracy to kill the President?

Answer: Evaluation:

no w/s/r no Specific Reaction

28. Do you have reason to believe that DEAN ANDREWS knew CLAY SHAW before the assassination?

Answer: Evaluation:

no w/s/r no Specific Reaction

29. One witness we have located, saw LEE OSWALD with JACK RUBY at the Carousel Club in Dallas before the assassination. At that time there were two other men with OSWALD. Do you have reason to believe that you know who those men were?

Answer: Evaluation:

no w/s/r no Specific Reaction

30. One of those men with OSWALD (at RUBY's) was a heavy set Latin type with a scar over his left eye. Do you have an idea who this heavy set man was?

Answer: Evaluation:

no w/s/r no Specific Reaction

31. The other man with OSWALD at RUBY's was thin, pale complexioned and had long black hair. Do you have an idea who that man was?

Answer: Evaluation:

no w/s/r no Specific Reaction

32. In addition to the witnesses who testified at the hearing, the State has others who saw CLAY SHAW with OSWALD. On one of these occasions a tall, thin Cuban with a mustache was with SHAW and OSWALD. Do you believe you know who this tall Cuban would be?

Answer: Evaluation:

no N/S/R No Specific Reaction

33. When LEE OSWALD visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City in the early Fall of 1963, a heavy-set Latin acquaintance of his was waiting outside for him. This man was very stocky and unusually powerful looking. Do you believe you know the name of this man?

Answer: Evaluation:

no N/S/R No Specific Reaction

34. Do you believe you know who this man worked for?

Answer: Evaluation:

no N/S/R No Specific Reaction

35. Did SERGIO ARCACHA visit New Orleans on any occasions in 1963?

Answer: Evaluation:

no S/R Specific Reaction

36. According to your knowledge or information, did any of the following persons have any knowledge of LEE OSWALD's activities prior to the assassination?

(NOTE: Please circle each name to which an affirmative answer is given and each name where a negative answer is accompanied by signs of deception. Add any relevant comments desired.)

no a. Roberto Gomez Cortez

no b. Jesus Guajardo

no c. Morris Brownlee

no d. James Lewallen

no e. Dante Marochino

no f. Nick J. Matrana

no g. Caridad Lopez (of Dallas)

no h. Luis Rabel

no i. J. B. Daenhauer

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A true copy of
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ARRANGEMENTS:

At your request, ^{Carlos Quiroga} ~~Carlos Quiroga~~ a Cuban male age ~~40~~ residing at ~~610 Boydras Street~~ New Orleans, was examined on the polygraph, a detection of deception technique. Subject matter statement in Mr. Garrison investigation.

PRE-TEST INTERVIEW:

In the pre-test interview with subject he gave the following information:

Subject was born in Cuba and has completed ~~secondary~~ education. Subject married ~~and they had~~ ~~children.~~

RESULTS:

Subject was given five(5) test.

TEST#1.

After careful analysis of this subject's first polygram it is the opinion of the examiner that he gave specific reactions indicative of deception to the relevant question under examination:

Question #4

Deception:

Do you have any first-hand knowledge of the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy? Answer No.

TEST#2.

Verify Job Applications - Fidelity - Integrity - Frauds - Inventory Shortages - Criminal - Personnel Screening - Portable Equipment Available

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After careful analysis of this subject's second polygram it is the opinion of the examiner that he gave specific reactions indicative of deception to the relevant questions under examination:

QUESTION #2.

In the Summer of 1963 did you see Lee Oswald with any Latin decent subject? Answer No.

QUESTION #3.

Isn't it a fact that you knew that the Fair Play for Cuba activities were merely a cover? Answer No.

QUESTION #5.

Was Oswald in reality part of an anti-Castro operation? Answer No.

QUESTION #12.

According to your own knowledge, did David Ferrie know Sergio Arcacha? Answer No.

TEST #3.

After careful analysis of this subject's third polygram it is the opinion of the examiner that he gave specific reactions indicative of deception to the relevant questions under examination:

QUESTION #3.

According to your own knowledge, did David Ferrie know Guy Banister? Answer No.

QUESTION #6.

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Do you know of any other person that knew Oswald in 1963 other than by chance encounters? Answer No.

QUESTION #10.

Prior to the assassination of the President, did you ever see any of the guns which were used in his assassination? Answer No.

TEST #4;

After careful analysis of this subject's fourth polygram it is the opinion of the examiner that he told substantially the truth on his fourth examination.

TEST #5.

After careful analysis of this subject's fifth polygram it is the opinion of the examiner that he gave specific reactions indicative of deception to the relevant name:

According to your knowledge or information, did any of the following persons have any knowledge of Lee Oswald's activities prior to the assassination:

Celso Hernandez? Answer No.

Subject stated that the above subject had a fight with Oswald on Canal Street.

SUBJECT WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS:

Subject identified the following photographs:

1. David Ferrie
2. Sergio Arcacha

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CONCLUSIONS:

After careful analysis of this subject's polygram it is the opinion of the the examiner that this subject did not tell the complete truth during his examination and interrogation.

Respectfully submitted

Roy L. Jacob Sr.
Roy L. Jacob Sr. Examiner

- Nj. David Peiric
 Nk. Clay Shaw
 Nl. Manuel Garcia Gonzalez
 Nm. Clyde Johnson
 Nn. Layton Martens
 No. Ocelo Pedros (This is one of names which Emilio Santana
 flunked the machine on. Ivon has the
 Np. Joseph Milla proper name)
 Nq. Harold Riviere
 Nr. William Dalzell
 Ns. Alvin Beaubouef
 Nt. Jack Ruby
Nu. Celso Hernandez *Yes Had fight with
 Oswald*
 Nv. Emilio Santana
 Nw. Emilio Torres
 Nx. Relatives of Emilio Torres
 Ny. Philip Geraci
 Nz. Elmer Lee Todd
 Naa2 Eric Crouchet
 Nab2 Louis Breto
 Nac2 Fabregas
 Nad2 Bill Billeck
 Nae2 John Irion
 Naf2 Louis Breto
 Nag2. Marina Oswald
 Nah2. Julian Evans

*Subject gave no specific
 reactions to the said names.*

Roy

M E M O R A N D U M

January 12, 1967

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TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY Re: TRAINING CAMPS
N. of LAKE
FROM: DET. C. JONAU & SGT. FENNER SEDGEBEER (Camp at Big Branch, La.)
RE: SMITH CASE

Sir:

Det. C. Jonau and Sgt. F. Sedgebeer report of going to St. Tammany Parish as per instructions. Upon arrival contacted Deputy Jay Sedgebeer who in turn introduced investigators to Lt. Hudgeons of the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office.

The purpose of our mission was not disclosed to Lt. Hudgeons but he was very cooperative. The following information was received from Lt. Hudgeons:

Airline pilots that he personally knows of that live in that area.

1. Tex Kilcrease - 222 E. 7 th Avenue, Covington, La.
(Also has private detective agency, Lt. Hudgeons says he does not trust this subject.)
2. John Potts - River Rd., Covington
3. Jack McKee - Folsom Rd, La. Highway 25
4. Robert Meyers - Hammond Hwy. Covington.
5. Fred Dykes - S. Filmore St., Covington

He states there are many more, but he does not know the names, addresses, etc.

Checked name of Anthony R. St. Philip to no avail.

Deputy Sedgebeer and Lt. Hudgeons stated that the John Birch Society is very strong in that area.

In reference to a house that was raided by FBI and Sheriff's Office that contained weapons, ammunition, etc., about four years

Example: Rich Sanchez was arrested by FBI, report made - including this name - the way was cleared.

(Date not be approx 8/30 - 9/1, 1963. Mixture of Cubans & Minute Men (Mobly Cubans))

ago, Lt. Hudgeons stated that he remembered the incident but could not find a police report of same. He stated that the whole investigation was handled by the Federals. He stated the location as well as he could remember was at Big Branch Louisiana, on Highway 190 in a small cottage off the Highway. This was checked out and this house could possibly be on Pontchartrain Drive at Big Branch off 190. There are a group of houses on this road.

Any further information in regards to the above Lt. Hudgeons was instructed to call Ivon, Sedgebeer or Jonau.

In reference to training area in St. Tammany no one we talked with knew of any training grounds in that area. Our observation was that almost any location in that area could have been used and been kept secret because of the unpopulated wilderness of parts of the Parish.

Det. C. Jonau

1st. F. Sedgebeer

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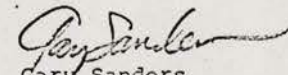
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RE: BERNARD GOLDSMITH

? told GOLDSMITH that he had known OSWALD in the Marines.
GOLDSMITH says that since he had a secret clearance he decided
not to see THORNLEY anymore. The last time GOLDSMITH saw
THORNLEY was in January of 1964. GOLDSMITH says that he never
loaned THORNLEY any money, but if he did THORNLEY must have
paid it back.

GOLDSMITH met WILLIAM BRADY at IVAN's discussion sessions.
GOLDSMITH said of BRADY, " he turns me off," (referring to the
fact that BRADY was gay). When I asked GOLDSMITH what he thought
of BRADY, he replied, " he (BRADY) struck me as somehow dangerous",
"something wasn't right about him (BRADY)". GOLDSMITH describes
BRADY as " radical, extremist, violent segregationist and some-
what gay". GOLDSMITH did not like BRADY because of the afore-
mentioned "qualities" and thusly did not associate with him.
GOLDSMITH says that BRADY actually became violent at some of
the meetings at IVAN's and that BRADY never missed a chance
to jump on a soap box to denounce something or someone.

GOLDSMITH was very cooperative and said that if this office
had any further questions he would be available.


Gary Sanders

cc: Andrew Sciambra

GMS/gs

Re: FERRIE

M E M O R A N D U M

SSN of Jimmy Johnson

March 3, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: JULIAN R. MURRAY, JR., ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
RE: KENNEDY ASSASINATION INVESTIGATION

On March 2, 1967, a MR. LOUIS JONES who is a victim in a case which I am prosecuting in Section "B" came in to give some information which he thought might be useful to our office. I was unable to tell whether or not this information would be of any value, but I thought I should pass it along to you for whatever it's worth.

MR. JONES explained to me that his father is an invalid and it is therefore necessary that his mother, MRS. WILLIAM B. JONES, hire male nurses to stay with him at all times. Somewhere in January of 1965 they hired a male nurse who stayed with them for about two months. MRS. JONES recalls that when she hired this subject, he had a letter of recommendation from a person who purported to be either a psychiatrist or a psychologist whose last name was FERRIE and who lived on Louisiana Avenue Parkway. The subject whom she hired gave the name of JIMMIE JOHNSON and at the time he informed her that he was living with MR. FERRIE at his apartment on Louisiana Avenue Parkway. She said that she could not remember much about this subject except that he was very effeminate. She still has her cancelled check with which she paid him his salary in January of 1965, and she also has his social security number which was 420-56-5635.

MR. JONES requests that if anyone in our office cares to speak with his mother about this matter, that we contact him first. He pointed out that she was an elderly person with a heart condition and he is afraid that a lot of questioning would greatly upset her unless he were present.

Carroll

R. SHAW

Re: THORNLEY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: LOUIS IVON, Chief Investigator
FROM: GARY SANDERS, Investigator
SUBJECT: VIRGINIA JOHNSON - CLAY SHAW'S MAID
6434 N. Derbigny St.
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KERRY THORNLEY'S LANDLORD AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION

The following information was obtained from an interview conducted at the home of VIRGINIA JOHNSON on the 15th of January, 1968 between 8:20 PM and 9:30 PM. Miss Jody Duek took the notes at this meeting which were used to write this report.

MRS. VIRGINIA JOHNSON, Social Security Number 434-36-5071, worked for CLAY SHAW for about 9 years. She quit during Hurricane "Betsy" because her home had been flooded. Mrs. JOHNSON is now employed by JACK SPENCER (JOHN R. SPENCER 1805 Esplanade St. ,943-8236) on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Mrs. JOHNSON did not recognize the name KERRY THORNLEY and the only time she ever worked at 1824 Dauphine St. was when she cleaned up an upstairs apartment. Mrs. JOHNSON has worked for SPENCER since "Betsy" and she gave no reason for having left the employment of CLAY SHAW. She has also worked for the " Plantation Home " in the French Quarter.

Mrs. JOHNSON said that she had made the black robe and hood for SHAW before Mardi Gras of 1959 or 1960 and she would press these garments before each Carneval season.

Mrs. JOHNSON said she would recognize someone if they had visited SHAW, but she admitted she did not see many of his visitors. She said SHAW was always very nice to her and always treated her well. She was very surprised to hear that SHAW had been arrested. Mrs. JOHNSON said she had never heard the name BERTRAND and had never seen any letter addressed to CLAY BERTRAND at the Dauphine Street address. (Check memo on VIRGINIA JOHNSON relating to an interview with persons at Balthazor Fabric Store on Franklin Ave. were witnesses state that Mrs. JOHNSON did see a letter addressed to CLAY BERTRAND, 1313 Dauphine St. New Orleans, La.) Mrs. JOHNSON describes her encounter at Balthazor Fabrics as a laughing and joking session in which she and some of the salesladies talked about SHAW and the fact that she had worked for him and had made his black robe and hood.

Mrs. JOHNSON says that she did see JACK SPENCER at SHAW'S house , but never the reverse. She said that both SPENCER'S and SHAW'S dogs were the same breed, Weimaraner.

Mrs. JOHNSON said SHAW was visited by a Mr. J.B. or J.C. on many occasions. This individual was employed at the International Trade Mart and his last name began with a "D". One person that visited SHAW was a MISS LYONS, an older woman who had grey hair, but was still very attractive. Most of the women who visited SHAW were elderly and the men were generally in their twenties.

I showed Mrs. JOHNSON my picture file and she did seem to recognize LAYTON MARTENS and TOMMY COX mainly from the general description of " light hair and skinny ". She did not remember seeing any Cubans at SHAW's house and never saw FERRIE, OSWALD or any other persons that have been publicized on television.

Mrs. JOHNSON's working schedule was daily and she would arrive at SHAW's at about 3 PM when she would clean the apartment and prepare SHAW's dinner at about 5PM. She generally left between 5 and 6 PM so she was not in a position to have known who SHAW had as visitors during the evening hours.

One year (unknown) when Mrs. JOHNSON went on a two week vacation, SHAW hired a ONELL BELL (1815 Delery St. 279-6647) for 2 weeks to take her place. When Mrs. JOHNSON returned she said SHAW had been very dissatisfied with Mrs. BELL, but he did not say why.

The method that SHAW used to pay MRS. JOHNSON is also very interesting since on the surface it looks as though SHAW may have been using some illegal tax deductions. SHAW paid VIRGINIA JOHNSON \$35.00 a week by check made out to her. SHAW also gave her a check for \$20.00 a week, also made out to her, for groceries and other items for the house. This is a total of \$55.00 a week that Shaw could claim on his income tax as salary paid to MRS. JOHNSON. MRS. JOHNSON asked SHAW about this arrangement and he said he was paying her Social Security so she did not have to worry.

It might be interesting to find out if he was claiming the \$55.00 per week as a deduction rather than the \$35.00 a week.

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Re: SHAW
(Bernadas - Weiss)

MEMORANDUM

May 5, 1969

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: SHAW LEADS II FILE
(MAX HILL LEAD)

Lt. Fred Soule and I interviewed JULES WEISS and MIKE BERNADAS in regard to OSWALD coming into their store in 1963 (July) seeking employment. WEISS informed me that OSWALD just walked into his store one day seeking a job as a photographer. WEISS said that he never did introduce himself and merely said that he had experience in photography and was seeking work in that field. WEISS said that he told him that he did not need any help and referred him to MAX HILL and JACK BEACH, 709 Royal Street. WEISS said that OSWALD thanked him and before he left asked him for fifty cents. WEISS said that this surprised him because OSWALD was neat and did not look like a panhandler. He said OSWALD did not ask for full-time employment but said that he was looking for part-time work to hold him over. WEISS said that he never told anyone about this incident as it was quite insignificant. He said that after the assassination he recognized OSWALD's picture as the person who came into his store looking for a job, however, he said that he still didn't tell anyone about this incident.

WEISS said that sometime in early December, the FBI came to his place of business and asked him if OSWALD had tried to get a job from him. He told the FBI that he thought that the person whom he had talked to was OSWALD, but that OSWALD never introduced himself. The FBI told him that they knew it was OSWALD because OSWALD had used BERNADAS & WEISS as a reference on one of his job applications. The FBI said that OSWALD had put on the application that he worked there for three months. WEISS said that he gave the FBI the same story that he gave us and said that the FBI thanked him and that was the last he heard about the matter.

We then talked to BERNADAS and BERNADAS was not working there at the time and therefore could be of no help in this matter.

WEISS informed us that he knows CLAY SHAW from seeing him around the Quarter and that on two occasions SHAW came to a book review party that he had given for two authors. He says that he has never seen SHAW with OSWALD or FERRIE and that he has never seen FERRIE in person and that he only saw OSWALD on this one occasion.

Andrew J. Sciambra

ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA

Memo dated 3/28/69
Re: Max Hill
Lead # XIV

M E M O R A N D U M

October 9, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: Interview with HENRY O. PALMER, Clinton, La.

For: [unclear] file
Re: Banister
+ Rt Wing

Banister
= Army
intelligence.

I talked to Mr. PALMER in relation to information concerning GUY BANISTER. PALMER told me that he and BANISTER were together in the Army in 1944, stationed in Orlando, Florida. PALMER said that BANISTER was doing intelligence work in the Army. PALMER said that after he separated from BANISTER in Florida, he (PALMER) went to Japan and never saw BANISTER again. He said he has never seen BANISTER in Clinton, Louisiana, and has no knowledge about BANISTER and RATLIFF trying to organize the Klan around Clinton and Jackson, Louisiana.

He said RICHARD VAN BUSKIRK was in town for a couple of days about a month ago. He said VAN BUSKIRK could give us some information about BANISTER. I contacted VAN BUSKIRK's daughter, MRS. BRUNT, at 683-5864, and she told me that VAN BUSKIRK's present address is:

RICHARD VAN BUSKIRK
c/o Crystal Springs Trailer Park
Route #7
Lafayette, Louisiana

Also, MELBA CAVANAUGH who was a close friend of GLORIA WILSON's is back from Alaska and living in Baton Rouge somewhere. I talked with JOE COOPER in Baton Rouge and COOPER told me that he could give me the names of some people who could give us a lot of information on BANISTER and also that he would let us look over a file that he has on DR. CARL McINTYRE. He said HOUSTON MARVIS or a man named JONES may be able to give us some information about RATLIFF.

District Attorney's REFUSAL Slip

File

District 1st

ACCUSED:

Guy Bonister Jr M

Police Item No K-12634-63

CHARGE(S): R S None

Date of Offense 11/22/63

Date of Refusal 12/8/63

Reason Insuff. Evid No Evid. of Crim. Negl Ref. to Mun. Ct

REASONS

*Det. Jack Martin does not wish to
prosecute. See statement attached*

Refused By:

E. Amos
Assistant District Attorney

Nov 22 8 14 PM 1967

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BROADCAST REPORT 10-97

DISTRICT OR
BUREAU & CAR #

10411

ITEM # K-12634

LOCATION

13th N. Prairie St.

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Mr Jack Martin

DETAILS

Nov 22

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Lead Files + Oswald files

M E M O R A N D U M

August 31, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: TOM BETHELL
RE: Interview with Mrs. A. C. JOHNSON

After returning from Ft. Worth with Bill Boxley on Thursday, August 24, 1967, Boxley and I visited 1026 N. Beckley Avenue, where we interviewed Mrs. A. C. JOHNSON.

As she was preparing supper we stayed only a short time to avoid antagonizing her in case we wanted to see her again.

She furnished the information that OSWALD would use the pay telephone in the hall "2 or 3 times a day" and would speak Russian.

She told us that OSWALD kept his room neatly despite the fact that he ate make-shift meals in there. She added that she was surprised that they discovered a pistol holster in his room and then went on to explain that of course she never would do such a thing as to look through his dresser drawers. It was clear to Boxley and I that she obviously had looked through his things, otherwise, she would have had no basis for being surprised at the discovery of the holster.

Mrs. JOHNSON also said that in the turmoil in OSWALD's room following the assassination, one of the curtain rods was bent or pulled down by a detective.

It was noted that access to OSWALD's room is via the main living room, where residents frequently sit and watch television. In other words, OSWALD did not have a private entrance to his room.

OSWALD
(Time of arrival in
NO., in 1963

Agency MA Number NR 40 Expiration Date MAY 27 1968

I, a resident of ORLEANS Parish, apply to use the New Orleans Public Library. I agree to observe the rules of the Library and to be responsible for all items borrowed on my card.

Print Name OSWALD LEE M.
Last First Middle

Home address 4707 MAGAZINE Phone ---

Occupation mechanic Employer Wm. B. Reilly Co

Business address 640 MAGAZINE Business phone ---

Signature Lee M. Oswald
(OVER: Students Only)

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STUDENTS ONLY

Name of school _____

Name of parent _____

Where parent works _____

Commission Exhibit No. 777

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 777

Re: GUY BANISTER

January 18, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: GEORGE ECKERT, INVESTIGATOR
RE: INTERVIEW OF SAM NEWMAN, W/M, Age 50 Years.
(Former owner of Newman Bldg., 544 Camp St.)

To: L. J. DeLoe
Re: Contents
of GB files

I interviewed Mr. Sam Newman at 1:30 P.M. on January 18, 1967 with regard to Guy Banister & Associates and the "Free Cuban Movement".

Mr. Newman told me at this time that he didn't have any of his records as he had given all of them to the F.B.I. and the U. S. Secret Service. Mr. Newman asked me whether or not the Office of the District Attorney or I was investigating the death of President Kennedy. I told him it was something stemming from this. He then told me he had heard about this before and that one Jack Martin told him that he would probably be called upon to be interviewed.

Mr. Newman told me that when he bought the building from Metro Realty (Mr. Copping), Guy Banister had already been a tenant in the building; that he could not remember any dates because he didn't have his records; but that during the time he owned the building Guy Banister had owed him back rent (amount unknown); that when Banister got into trouble with the Internal Revenue, all the furniture in Banister's office had been seized, including the files. Mr. Newman purchased all the office furniture including 5 filing cabinets, from the Internal Revenue hoping he could recover some of the money owed to him for back rent. The office furniture he kept and he can't remember what had happened to it. The 5 files (metal cabinets and contents) were sold to Mrs. Banister for \$25.00 (date unknown). She had them removed from his building on Camp Street to her home on Canal Boulevard.

Mr. Newman said that he could not remember the names of the people who were his tenants back in 1963; but that many of them owed him back rent when they left. Mr. Newman also told me that the Federal people and the Secret Service have questioned him on several occasions about the "Fair Play For Cuba Movement" and the people involved, and that they would have all of the information. He said he could not remember anything at all about 1962 and 1963 without his records.

It is the opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Newman was annoyed by the interview and it appeared that he did not want to become involved in this investigation, therefore, the interview was very short.

GEORGE ECKERT

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: FERRIE

February 3, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: AGENT #1
RE: SMITH CASE

ALVIN BEAUBOUF visited DAVE at his office on about January 26th. They had a brief conversation and BEAUBOUF left. I think the reason for his wanting to see DAVE was because of some kind of mix-up with the flight log books. The FAA called BEAUBOUF and wanted to see his flight log book because they thought he had cheated on some flying time. The FAA checked into it and found out that BEAUBOUF'S log book didn't match with DAVE'S. So, they called in the last three people that DAVE signed the log books for private pilot's licenses, and their log books didn't match with what DAVE had in his. So, DAVE buys new log books. They all get together to make the new log books match DAVE'S. DAVE forged two or three names.

- Q. Are they still working on these log books of DAVE'S?
- A. Yes. They were working on them last night. They only have one to go.
- Q. Has Beaubouef been around lately?
- A. No. This is the first time I've seen him in approximately two months.

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